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above, and all such modifications and alternatives are intended to be within the scope of appropriate ones of the following claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Claim 13. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein

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the polymer is at least 0.1 wt. % of the composition, and

the alkali metal salt of carboxylic acid is at least 60.0 wt. % of the composition.

Claim 19. (Amended) The composition of claim 14 wherein the hydrophobe reactant is selected from stearyl methacrylate, lauryl methacrylate, and ethylhexyl methacrylate.

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